STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, CONTEL OF MINNESOTA D/B/A GTE MINNESOTA AND FAST PHONES OF NEBRASKA, CORP. DOCKET NO. NIA-00-27

ORDER DOCKETING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS

(Issued July 12, 2000)

On June 21, 2000, GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota d/b/a GTE Minnesota and Fast Phones of Nebraska, Corp., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding will be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-27.

The parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing under 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments on or before July 21, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. The proceeding to review the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on June 21, 2000, by GTE Midwest Incorporated, Contel of Minnesota d/b/a GTE Minnesota and Fast Phones of Nebraska, Corp., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-27.
- Comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before July 21, 2000.

/s/ Allan T. Thoms /s/ Susan J. Frye ATTEST: /s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns Executive Secretary

UTILITIES BOARD

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of July, 2000.